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Woman Sentenced to LWOP For Aunt's Murder

A 62-year-old woman was sentenced today to life in prison without the possibility of parole for robbing and fatally shooting her aunt in the victim's home, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Barbara Jean Davenport was convicted Sept. 8 of the first-degree murder of her aunt, 79-year-old Cleo Hughes. The jury also convicted Davenport of second-degree robbery and found true the special circumstance of murder during a robbery in case BA399858.

Hughes, a bookkeeper for a family restaurant, was fatally shot in her home in the 1600 block of West 66th Street on June 2, 2012. Her body was discovered the next day by her son, an LAPD training officer. Her son had driven to his mother's house to check on her after not being able to reach her by telephone.

Deputy District Attorney Mary Murray with the Target Crimes Division prosecuted the case.

The Los Angeles Police Department's Robbery-Homicide Division investigated the case.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.